

Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Written Restriction Requirement.

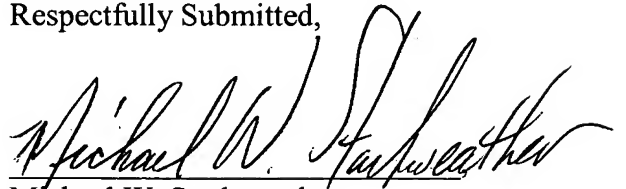
With regards the substantive portion of the Written Restriction Requirement, Claims 10 – 21 are subject to an election requirement. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. The Office Action noted Figs 1, 4A, 5, 6, and 7 as species.

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the species disclosed in Figure 6. As requested, Applicant indicates that Claims 10, 11, 13 – 16, and 18 – 21 are readable on Figure 6 and should therefore be examined.

Also, Applicant would like to clarify that the Attorney Docket Number on this matter is 3023.2.1 CIP.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the provisional election, Applicant again invites the Examiner to do so by telephone conference.

Respectfully Submitted,



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